

## Market Recap

### Jeera

- ✦ The benchmark contract was down 4.28 percent month on month but posted a noticeable pullback after testing the low of 18830. Month's close was 20115 for the benchmark July contract. The market was under pressure amid steady pace of the newly harvested crop.
- ✦ The possibility of imports from the other leading producing nations of Turkey and Syria weighed over the market. As understood from trade talks, stockists will prefer initiating their bulk purchases if the spot offers stay above the Rs.18500/qtl level for the next few days or weeks.

### Turmeric

- ✦ The downward continued in June amid lack of buying interest in the physical markets and improving production outlook. The June contract finished the month gaining 1.60 percent approximately. Limited query amongst exporters were also noted who preferred to wait for cheaper offers on the back of a subdued exports market.
- ✦ The expectations for 2025–26 are optimistic for the exports front, indication a likely jump of roughly 14%, totaling 3.5 Lakh metric tons approximately. In context to the crop scenario the sowing area in 2025 has seen a significant increase by approximately 21% year-on-year.

### Dhaniya (Coriander)

- ✦ The markets stabilized from the bearish phase towards the latter part of June. The trading interest for the higher grades showed a improving trend due to favorable seed size, color, as well as the aroma. The lowering arrival pace supported the gains. The June contract finished the month with a moderate price appreciation of 2.83%.

### Guar Seed/Guar gum

- ✦ The guar complex basket maintained the range bound trading activity and failed to sustain above the strong resistance points amid reports of a normal monsoon outlook for this year. NCDEX benchmark guar seed and guar gum futures ranged between ₹5050-5250 and ₹9350-9800 per quintal respectively.
- ✦ The physical market was more or less stable for most of the days with sellers not comfortable in selling their inventory on expectations of getting better prices in the next couple of months.

### Cocud (Cotton Cake)

- ✦ Cotton cake maintained the upward trend and the month-on-month gain was 4.70 percent roughly. Buying activity improved at the major trading centers, and the arrival pace slowed further. The derivative has appreciated by nearly 7.50 percent in the last two months.
- ✦ The production outlook indicates a reduction in the crop size over the previous year, which prevented sellers/farmers to hold the stocks for a longer duration so as to scale up their profit margins.



## Spices Demand & Supply Balance Sheet

2023-24	Jeera	Turmeric	Dhaniya	Guar seed
Total Supply	5.75	4.84	7.08	13.57
Total Demand	4.5	4.76	5.7	8.25
End Stock	1.25	0.08	1.38	5.32

2024-2025	Jeera	Turmeric	Dhaniya	Guar seed
Total Supply	5.76	5.18	5.98	14.64
Total Demand	4.4	4.7	5.5	10
End Stock	1.76	0.48	0.48	4.64

\*Figures in MT

## Commodities Tracker

Commodity	Spot Price (Rs/ Qtl) as on June 30th	Major Delivery Centre	NCDEX First month Contract Price (Rs/Qtl) as on June 30th	Basis (Spot-Futures) as on June 30th	Net Open Interest (MT) at NCDEX as on June 30th
Jeera	20785	Unjha	19555	1230	7017
Turmeric	14403	Nizamabad	13172	1231	19240
Dhaniya	7218	Gondal	7258	-40	17645
Guar seed	5190	Jodhpur	5249	-59	57560
Guar gum	9756	Jodhpur	9750	6	52245
Cotton Cake	3211	Akola	3056	155	101770

## Observations

- ✦ The open interest has increased significantly and it appears that with expectations of a bullish price scenario for the coming months, the buyers have enhanced their trades in the derivatives market. On the other hand it has showed a modest drop in Jeera, following covering of the shorts with prices attaining lower levels. For Dhaniya the open interest showed a decline following long liquation in response to the profit booking activity against the June month's upside rally. Cotton cake was in the upward track which attracted fresh entry of the longs, which explains the build up of the open interest. Meanwhile no major variation is being noted in the open interest of the guar seed basket.
- ✦ A significant improvement is observed for Jeera and Turmeric basis, since the spot market held tight throughout because of thin stock availability, especially turmeric. The basis of Dhaniya turned negative amid improving short term demand outlook. Basis of Cotton cake was also positive since limited inventory in the market resulting in spot offers maintaining much above the futures price level. Guar seed basis was negative on improving long term price view.

## Inventory Positions: NCDEX Warehouses

Commodity	Delivery Centers	Stocks at NCDEX Warehouses (MT)
Guar gum	Bikaner	6499
Guar gum	Jodhpur	16273
Guar gum	Nokha	20
Guar seed	Bikaner	14436
Guar seed	Jodhpur	499
Jeera	Unjha /Jodhpur	4332
Cotton Cake	Akola	19077
Cotton Cake	Kadi	11665
Turmeric	Nizamabad/Sangli/ Basmat	3884
Dhaniya	Kota/Gondal	3619

### Observations

- ✦ On a month-on month basis the inventory of cotton cake has reduced from 44919 MT to 30743 MT and this has been the fourth consecutive monthly decline in the cotton cake inventory. Stable demand in the major markets once again resulted in the outflow of the stocked goods from the warehouses.
- ✦ The stocks of Jeera have posted a nominal decline over the previous month. The inventory of Dhaniya deposited at the exchange warehouses has fallen since the harvested produce arrived at a reducing pace versus previous month. The inventory as on June 30th stood at 3619 MT versus May 31st stock availability of 3823 MT.
- ✦ There has been a slight increase in the warehouse stocks of turmeric on the back of falling demand during the later part of June. For guar seed and guar gum we do not observe any considerable changes in the respective stocks.

## Trend Sheet

Commodity	Expected Price Range (Active Contract)	Trend
Jeera (August)	18500-22000	Moderately Positive
Turmeric (August)	12500-15500	Moderately Positive
Dhaniya (August)	7300-7650	Positive
Guar seed (August)	5000-5500	Moderately Positive
Guar gum (August)	9600-10200	Moderately Positive
Cotton Cake (August)	3000-3400	Positive

### Fundamental Scenario

- ✦ The guar seed basket is expected to appreciate from current levels on the back of reserved selling interest in the major centers and thin All India arrivals. We remain positive for the cotton cake market as the demand outlook is improving for the animal feed industry, while cotton seed prices are maintaining the upward track.
- ✦ The spices market is expected to show appreciation in prices moving forward. The lean arrival season shall continue supporting the turmeric prices in addition to rising exports prospects on the back of cheaper offers. For the same reason the exports outlook is improving for Jeera. Also the competition from Turkey and Syria is not a concern henceforth.
- ✦ Dhaniya also appears positive for the coming weeks. Improving trade interest for the new season crop because of better quality is supportive for the market, and the peak arrival season is over. These factors will be positive for Dhaniya.

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